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Morse Says U.S. Secrecy Raises Peril

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 7 (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said tonight that Government secrecy has gone too far and "democracy is not safe" under such a policy.

Morse in a speech here said he would not reconcile the Central Intelligence Agency with democratic government. "Millions of Americans can die if that agency goes amok," he said.

The Senator said that secrecy surrounding CIA operations was responsible for mishandling of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961. He said the invasion would never have happened "if we had a congressional watchdog in the

[redacted] Morse is Chairman of a Senate Foreign Relations Committee subcommittee that conducted a secret hearing on the Bay of Pigs invasion. He said he too is bound to secrecy, but that if the details of the invasion could be aired, "the Nation would be better off."

The Oregon Senator lashed out at what he called "warmongers" who are demanding military action against Cuba. "Unilateral action in Cuba by the United States will lead to [redacted] way," he said.

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